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Appln. No.: 10/642,296

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For: ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR BOX AND ASSEMBLY METHOD
THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,
Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,782,652 to FEHER et al., issued July 21, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,718,047 to NAKAYAMA et al., issued on February 17, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,624,280 to KATO, issued on April 29, 1997; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 61-277180, published on December 8,
1986. Applicant notes that this document is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the
instant application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and
cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been

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listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

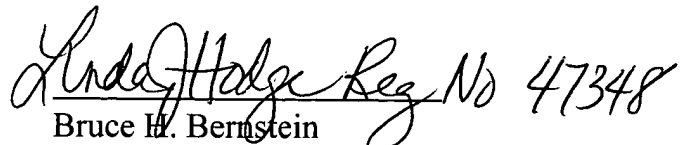
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/638,317 to ODA, entitled "Electrical Connector Box and Assembly Method Thereof", filed on August 12, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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